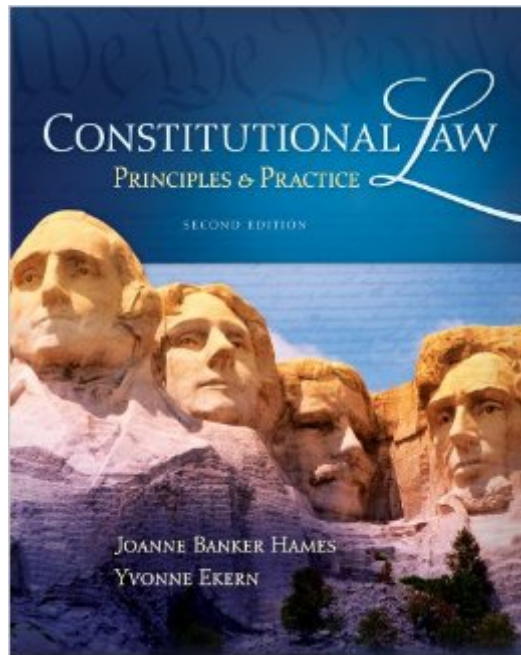


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The authors of this book have been instrumental in the founding of the ABA certified Paralegal program at DeAnza College and education of paralegal students there. This book serves as an excellent introduction to the concepts of Constitutional Law. It is very well-written and the online companion (with the nifty quizzes) are a superb benefit. This book is well worth the money.

This was required reading for my MPA at SJSU and it was one of the dullest and boring books covering a subject that is actually very important, and fascinating. I don't blame the author for this book being so dull, I blame the teacher for picking it and making the material in the book even more dull.

OK. Let's understand what this book is and what it is not. It's not a 2000-page casebook designed for law school. It's a 455-page textbook (plus Appendices) intended for undergraduate paralegal education. That said, the book's written description fails to do it justice. Hames' and Ekern's text is an excellent work; its comprehensiveness rivals volumes twice its size. The authors pack their book with cases, carefully-chosen Supreme Court precedents, which bring Constitutional principles and fine-line distinctions into clear focus. It's not a quick or easy read. Expect to consume the better part of a day absorbing the concepts and the holdings of law in each of its 14 chapters. But after you've completed this book you'll know a lot more about Constitutional interpretation than when you began. Cases are exquisitely edited; the text's progression is logical and straightforward. If there's a fault, it's that the authors find it necessary to cover too much too fast. Once you've finished, you may prefer to take a more methodical approach and delve deeper into Constitutional interpretation with one of Erwin Chemerinsky's or Kathleen Sullivan's casebooks. But first things first. For paralegal study or reference, "Principles and Practice" is as good as it gets.

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